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Commissioner

Off-Leash Area Working Group

Meeting Minutes

Room 211– City Hall

9:30am- Friday May 12, 2017

1. Reports- Officer Torres, Officer Mikoleit, Jason Roberts

- Officer Torres reported no negative reports from the off-leash areas
- Mr. Roberts commented the trails at Cold Spring Park are ok, there was one dog off-leash at the Beacon Street entrance
- Officer Mikoleit requested new signs be put up on the back stop at Hunnewell Park directing people to the off-leash area.
- Officer Torres has been working with Jennifer Steel on the illegal off-leash activity on conservation land.

2. Area Updates

- **Norumbega Proposal**
 - Presented the proposal to the Conservation Commission and the presentation went well, we will move forward with a detailed presentation. Ms. Gentile is working on the design work with a landscape architect.
 - Mr. Grantham asked if parking will be an issue. The Commissioner responded it may be a neighborhood issue. Councilor Albright suggested setting up a meeting with the Traffic Division. Mr. Kuklinski responded that he spoke with Ms. Steel and she stated the current parking was acceptable.
- **McGrath Playground**
 - The renovation project has been pushed out until the fall.
 - The surfacing under the entrance gate needs to be repaired so the dogs do not escape out onto Washington Street. Mr. Roberts suggested putting concrete pads at the entrance gates for off-leash areas.

3. New Business

- **Jini Fairley- ADA Coordinator**
 - Ms. Fairley is asking the group to brainstorm ideas to create a closed in space that service dogs can use for exercise. The issue with existing off-leash areas is the service dogs cannot play rough to avoid injury. The group will research other areas used strictly by service dogs and continue the discussion.